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RAJYA SABHA

Institutions for computer education

**491. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutions in the area of computer education, to which the Department of Electronics Accreditation of Computer Courses (DOEACC) society had granted accreditation uptill 30th December, 2000, State-wise details;

(b) whether there is any mechanism to check up whether these institutions are maintaining quality standards in computer education; and

(c) if so, how many reports have been submitted so far and what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Till 31st December, 2000, the Society has granted accreditation to 1310 courses. State-wise details are given in the Statement. (See below).

(b) Yes, Sir. There is a mechanism to check whether the institutions authorized to conduct DOEACC accredited courses are maintaining quality standards in education.

(c) Accreditation and withdrawal of accreditation of courses is a continuous process. Since the formation of the Society in November 1994, accreditation in respect of 519 accredited courses have been withdrawn from Institutions that have failed to maintain the requisite performance criteria.

Statement

Statistics of States-wise accreditation

(Period—1st January, 1990—31st December, 2000)

Sl. No.	States Name	Total
1.	Jammu and Kashmir	18
2.	Punjab	19
3.	Uttar Pradesh	129
4.	Rajasthan	99
5.	Haryana	29
6.	Himachal Pradesh	11
7.	Maharashtra	125
8.	Gujarat	36
9.	Madhya Pradesh	47
10.	Andhra Pradesh	95
11.	Karnataka	52
12.	Kerala	133
13.	Goa	8
14.	Tamil Nadu	123
15.	Orissa	55
16.	Bihar	27
17.	West Bengal	101
18.	Assam	14
19.	Nagaland	1
20.	Meghalaya	3
21.	Mizoram	2
22.	Sikkim	1
23.	Arunachal Pradesh	2
24.	Manipur	3
25.	Tripura	4
26.	Uttranchal	0
27.	Jharkhand	0
28.	New Delhi	132

Sl. No.	States	Total
29.	Chandigarh	23
30.	Pondicherry	3
31.	Delhi	45
TOTAL:		1310

Storage facilities for foodgrains in rural areas

***492. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:** Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state whether Government propose to allocate funds for setting up of storage facilities in the rural areas to obviate the problems experienced recently in proper storage of foodgrains procured in different States?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): The Government has recently announced a National Policy on Handling, Storage and Transportation of foodgrains to modernize the system of handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains with the active participation of the private sector. The policy aims to encourage farmers to adopt scientific storage methods as 70 per cent of the total foodgrains produced is retained at the farm level.

Government is operating a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Construction of Godowns' to assist the State Governments/UT Administrations in their efforts to strengthen the Public Distribution System (PDS) for construction of godowns upto 2000 MT capacity for smooth flow of PDS commodities especially in rural, remote, hilly and tribal areas. Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to State Governments/UT Administration on 50 per cent grants in aid (subsidy) and 50 per cent loan basis. An outlay of Rs. 11.50 crores has been earmarked for the financial year 2001-2002 under the scheme.

FCI creates additional storage capacity by constructing godowns at micro level as per the requirement at the most strategic locations,